

Neighborhoods 2020

A strategic priority of the NCEC for 2015
Framework for the NCEC's work (adopted March 24, 2015)

Background and starting assumptions:

- The Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) set out to address physical and population decline of neighborhoods by incentivizing and funding local engagement and priority-setting capacity based in place and controlled by residents.
 - While Neighborhoods continue to administer revolving NRP loan funds, the future of neighborhood organizations beyond 2017 is uncertain.
 - The problems the NRP set out to address are resolved or changed.
 - A disproportionate share of NRP resources, involvement, and leadership development went to homeowners.
 - The NRP emphasis on homeowners and owner-occupied housing established significant biases that remain today in the priorities, strengths, and operations of neighborhood organizations.
 - Neighborhood organizations vary widely in their capacity, staffing, and efficacy. They are routinely criticized for:
 - Lack of representative engagement based on housing tenure and race.
 - Ineffective use of NRP / CPP funds.
- The Framework for the Future continued base funding for neighborhood organizations administered by the City (Community Participation Program / CPP). The current funding source (TIF district) expires in 2020.
- If neighborhoods continue as-is until 2020, there is widespread agreement that renewal of the TIF districts and continued operation as-is is a political non-starter.
- Neighborhood organizations remain the City's only means for engaging residents around City decisions.
- Neighborhood organizations are place-based organizations, an arrangement that fits well with established methods of planning and resource allocation by local gov't.

Stakeholders:

- Minneapolis residents
- Local and state government
- NCEC
- Etc...(needs work)

Scope (draft):

- Form a NCEC committee to guide the work below (completed March 24, 2015).
- NCEC will convene and lead a robust citywide conversation by stakeholders about the future of neighborhood organizations during 2015-2016.
- In 2016 NCEC will recommend to City Council changes to CPP guidelines effective for 2017-2020, aimed at making neighborhood organizations more representative and sustainable for the remaining funding period and beyond.
- In 2016 NCEC will recommend to City Council guidelines for neighborhood organizations post-2020.
- NCEC work will be consistent with the City's Principals of Community Engagement.